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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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: GROUP ART UNIT: 1775

SERIAL NO.: 10/045,049

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: EXAMINER: STEIN

FOR: A LAYER OBTAINED FROM AN AQUEOUS DISPERSION CONTAINING A
SILICON TITANIUM MIXED OXIDE POWDER PREPARED BY FLAME
HYDROLYSIS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated November 8, 2002, Applicants elect, with
traverse, Group I, Claims 1-5, for further prosecution.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-5, drawn to a layer;

Group II: Claim 6, drawn to a process for preparing a layer;

Group III: Claim 7, drawn to a dispersion; and

Group IV: Claim 8, drawn to a non-statutory class of invention.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-5, for further prosecution.

Applicants note that the claims of Group II-IV are directly dependent from the claims
of Group I, and as such these groups are not separable.